sing the gathering on the Republic Day in Jammu, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated February 20, 1995 under the caption "Hizbul Mujahideen behind Jammu R-Day blast";

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what preventive action Government had taken in the matter and also propose to take to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the report mentioned in the question. Investigation of the incident of the blasts in the Maulana Azad Stadium, Jammu on 26th Jan. 1995, has been entrusted to the CBI, the report and findings of which have not been received. It is not possible, therefore, to provide details about the facts asked for. Measures have been taken to augment and intensify vigilance and patrolling in vulnerable areas/ installations; strengthening and streamlining of the intelligence apparatus to ensure better availability and use of information: further increasing coordination between various agencies; and, intensification of vigil on the border to check infiltration of arms/weapons. Efforts are also being made to educate the public, increase awareness and solicit public cooperation in containing and preventing such incidents.

Pending promotion cases of Maharashtra and Punjab IAS Officers

*70. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of officers from Maharashtra and Punjab are pending with Government for giving them promotions in the IAS; and

(b) what action is being taken to expedite these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No case of Promotion of State Civil Service Officers of Maharashtra and Punjab cadres to the IAS is pending with the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

End-use of Public Money Borrowed by Companies

*71. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experts of the Department of Company Affairs had recommended monitoring of the end-use of public money borrowed by companies from the public;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the money collected from the public is plied in the stock market by the companies, resulting in fluctuation of the share prices;

(d) if so, what are the circumstances under which the companies can borrow money from the public and how many of the companies are defaulting the law on the subject;

(e) the steps taken by Government to discipline such companies; and

(f) the number of companies which have defaulted in giving interest to the public regularly or to pay back money to the depositors on demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (f) No recommendation has been made by experts